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1. ALL JAN. 10 CAIRO NEWSPAPERS BANNER HEADLINE SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO EGYPT AND MEETING WITH SADAT. AHRAM'S MAJOR ARTICLE STATES THAT "IT HAD BEEN DECIDED ORIGINALLY THAT US SECRETARY'S VISIT WOULD OCCUR AT THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY. THIS WAS ADVANCED TO THE LAST TEN DAYS OF THIS MONTH; THEN WASHINGTON DECIDED YESTERDAY THAT KISSINGER WOULD UNDERTAKE THE TRIP IMMEDIATELY. US AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO, EILTS, INFORMED FOREIGN MINISTER ISMAIL FAHMI DURING THE MEETING TUESDAY--DIRECTLY FOLLOWING EILTS RETURN FROM WASHINGTON--OF THE DESIRE OF THE US SECRETARY OF STATE TO VISIT EGYPT. EILTS YESTERDAY RECEIVED FROM ISMAIL FAHMI, WHO HAD FLOWN TO ASWAN DURING THE MORNING, EGYPT'S AGREEMENT TO THIS VISIT AND EXTENSION OF THE INVITATION TO KISSINGER."
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THE REST OF AHRAM'S ARTICLE DRAWS ON NEWS AGENCY REPORTS AND

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WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT REGARDING SECRETARY'S TRIP TO ME.

2. AKHBAR'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT STATES THAT SADAT WILL MEET SECRETARY ON CLOSED MEETING TO "COMPLETE THE TALKS WHICH THE PRESIDENT HELD WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE PREVIOUSLY, PARTICULARLY ON STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND THE AGENDA OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. THE PRESIDENT'S TALKS WITH KISSINGER TOMORROW WILL CENTER ON THE SUBJECT OF THE DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES. KISSINGER WILL REMAIN IN EGYPT FOR TWO DAYS THEN LEAVE FOR ISRAEL AND RETURN TO CAIRO AFTER COMPLETION OF HIS TALKS THERE." AKHBAR ADDS THAT ISMAIL FAHMI HAS DECIDED TO DELAY HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW UNTIL THE END OF THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AND CONTINUES, "POLITICAL CIRCLES HAVE STATED THAT THE DAY FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' LEVEL WILL DEPEND ON THE RESULTS OF KISSINGER'S TALKS DURING THIS THIRD TOUR TO THE ME. THE 21ST OF JAN HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN AGREED ON AS THIS DATE."

3. GUMHURIYYA'S REPORT DRAWS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON NEWS AGENCY SOURCES WITH EXCEPTION OF NOTE THAT SECRETARY'S TALKS WILL CONCENTRATE ON SEPARATION OF FORCES.

4. THERE ARE NO EDITORIALS ON SUBJECT OF SECRETARY'S VISIT. ONLY EDITORIAL DEALING WITH US IS WRITTEN BY AHRAM'S MANAGING EDITOR, AL-GAMMAL, WHO TAKES VICE PRESIDENT FORD TO TASK FOR THREATENING ARABS WITH WITHHOLDING OF FOOD SUPPLIES.
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